(b) if so, the details thereof including budgetary support for the anticipated cost; and

(c) the time by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur has been included in the Budget 2008-09 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 742.88 crore. Preliminary works like Final Location Survey, preparation of plan, estimate, etc. have been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 30 crore has been provided for the project in the Budget 2009-10.

(c) The project will be progressed as per the availability of resources.

Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej railway line

2382. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concession agreement among GMB, Dahej SEZ Ltd., GNFC, Adani Port and RVNL, has been signed for gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej railway line;

(b) if so, the time-limit fixed for the implementation of the project; and

(c) whether the project also covers the facility of double stack container arrangement as part of dedicated freight corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Concession Agreement has been signed on 25.06.2008 between Ministry of Railways and Bharuch-Dahej Railway Company Limited. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), Dahej (SEZ) Ltd., Adani Petronet (Dahej) Port Private Limited and Gujarat Narmada Fertilisers Co. Limited (GNFC) are shareholders of Bharuch-Dahej Railway Company Limited.

(b) The target date for implementation of this project is December, 2010.

(c) The Section has been planned as a feeder route of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) with normal height of OHE fit for operation of single-stack container.

Doubling and electrification of Udhana-Jalgaon section

2383. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of doubling of line and electrification works of Udhna-Jalgaon section of Western Railway;

(b) the status of providing loop lines on six important railway stations on this section; and

(c) the target of completion of doubling and electrification work of this section?